TWO ACTS OF THE PARLIAMENT Of *SCOTLAND.*

I. *An* ACT *against the* COVENANTS.
II. *An* ACT *concerning Masters of Colledges, &c.*

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There is lately publiſhed, *An Abandoning of the Scotiſh Covenant, By* Matthew Wren *the Lord Biſhop of* Ely. Sold by *T. Garthwait* at the Kings Head in S. *Pauls* Church-yard.

ACT

FOR PRESERVATION OF His MAJESTIES Perſon, Authority and Government.

Edinburgh 24. *June* 1662.

THE Eſtates of Parliament taking to their conſideration the Miſeries, Confuſions, Bondage and Oppreſſions this Kingdome hath groaned under ſince the year 1637. with the Cauſes and Occaſions thereof, Do with all humble Duty and Thankfulneſſe acknowledg His Majeſties unparallelld Grace and Goodneſſe in paſſing by the many Miſcarriages of his Subjects, and Reſtoring the Church and State to their Ancient Liberties, Freedom, Right and Poſſeſſions, and the great Obligations thereby lying upon them to expreſſe all poſſible care and zeal in the Preſervation of His Majeſties Perſon (in whoſe Honour and Happineſſe conſiſts the Good and Welfare of His People) and in the Security and Eſtabliſhment of his Royal Authority and Government againſt all ſuch wicked Attempts and Practiſes for the time to come.

And ſince the riſe and progreſſe of the late Troubles did in a great meaſure proceed from ſome Treaſonable and Seditious Poſitions infu-

ſed into the People: *That it is Lawful to Subjects for Reformation to enter into Covenants and Leagues, or to take up Armes againſt the King, or thoſe Commiſſionat by him*, and ſuch like. And that many wild and rebellious Courſes were taken and practiſed in purſuance thereof, by unlawful Meetings and Gatherings of the people, By mutinous and tumultuary Petitions: By inſolent and ſeditious Proteſtations againſt His Majeſties Royal and Juſt Commands: By entring into unlawful Oaths and Covenants: By uſurping the Name and Power of Council-Tables and Church Judicatories, after they were by His Majeſty diſcharged: By Treaſonable Declarations, that His Majeſty was not to be admitted to the exerciſe of His Royal Power, until he ſhould grant their unjuſt deſires, and approve their wicked Practiſes: By the Rebellious Riſing in Arms againſt His Majeſty, and ſuch as had Commiſſion from him: And by the great Countenance, Allowance and Encouragement given to theſe pernicious courſes, by the multitude of ſeditious Sermons, Libels and Diſcourſes, Preached, Printed and Publiſhed in defence thereof. And conſidering, That as the preſent age is not fully freed of theſe Diſtempers, ſo Poſterity may be apt to relapſe therein, if timous Remedy be not provided: Therefore the Kings Majeſty and Eſtates of Parliament do Declare, That theſe Poſitions, *That it is lawful to Subjects upon Pretence of Reformation, or other Pretence whatſomever, to enter into Leagues and Covenants, or take up Armes againſt the King: Or that it is Lawful to Subjects, pretending His Majeſties Authority, to take Armes againſt His Perſon, or thoſe Commiſſionat by Him: Or to ſuſpend Him from the Exerciſe of his Royal Government: Or to put Limitations upon their due Obedience and Allegiance*, are Rebellious and Treaſonable: And that all thoſe Gatherings, Convocations, Petitions, Proteſtations, and erecting and keeping of Council-Tables, that were uſed in the beginning of, and for carrying on of the late Troubles, were Unlawful and Seditious: And particularly, that thoſe Oaths, whereof the one was commonly called, *The National Covenant*, (as it was ſworn and explained in the year 1638, and thereafter) And the other entituled, *A Solemn League and Covenant*, were and are in themſelves unlawful Oaths, and were taken by, and impoſed upon the Subjects of this Kingdom, againſt the fundamental Laws and Liberties of the ſame: And that there lieth no Obligation upon any of the Subjects from the ſaid Oaths, or any of them to endeavor any change or alteration of the Government either in Church or State: And therefore annulls all Acts and Conſtitutions Eccleſiaſtical or Civil, approving the ſaid pretended National Covenant

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or League and Covenant, or making any Interpretation of the ſame or either of them.

And alſo it is hereby declared by His Majeſty and Eſtates of Parliament, That the pretended Aſſembly kept at *Glaſgow* in the year 1638, was in it ſelf (after the ſame was by His Majeſty diſcharged under the pain of Treaſon) an unlawful and Seditious Meeting: and that all Acts, Deeds, Sentences, Orders or Decrees paſt therein, or by vertue of any pretended Authority from the ſame, were in themſelves from the beginning, are now, and in all time coming, to be repute unlawful void and null: and that all Ratifications or Confirmations of the ſame, paſt by whatſoever Authority, or in whatſoever Meeting, ſhall from henceforth be void and null.

Likeas His Majeſtie and Eſtates of Parliament, reflecting on the ſad conſequences of theſe Rebellious Courſes, and being careful to prevent the like for the future, Have therefore Statute and Ordained, and by theſe preſents ſtatutes and ordains, That if any perſon or perſons ſhall hereafter plot, contrive or intend death or deſtruction to the Kings Majeſty, or any bodily harm tending to death or deſtruction, or any reſtraint upon his Royal Perſon, or to Deprive, Depoſe or Suſpend from the Stile, Honour or Kingly Name of the Imperial Crowne of this Realm, or any other His Majeſties Dominions, or to Suſpend him from the Exerciſe of his Royal Government, or to Leavy War, or take up Armes againſt His Majeſty, or any Commiſſionat by him, or ſhall incite any Strangers or others to invade any of His Majeſties Dominions, and ſhall by Printing, Writing, Preaching or other malicious and adviſed ſpeilling, expreſſe or declare ſuch their Treaſonable intentions, Every ſuch perſon or perſons, being upon ſufficient Probation Legally convict thereof, ſhall be deemed, declared and adjudged Traytors, and ſhall ſuffer forfaulter of Life, Honour, Lands and Goods, as in caſes of High Treaſon.

And further it is by His Majeſty and Eſtates of Parliament Declared, Statuted and Enacted, That if any perſon or perſons, ſhall by Writing Printing, Praying, Preaching, Libelling, Remonſtrating, or by any malicious and adviſed ſpeaking, expreſſe, publiſh or declare any words or ſentences to ſtir up the people to the hatred or diſlike of His Majeſty, His Royal Prerogative and Supremacy in Cauſes Eccleſiaſtick, or the Government of the Church by Archbiſhops and Biſhops, as it is now ſetled by Law, or to juſtifie any of the deeds, actings, practiſes or things above mentioned, and declared againſt by this preſent Act, That every ſuch perſon or perſons ſo offending, and being as ſaid is,

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legally convict thereof, are hereby declared to be incapable to enjoy or exerciſe any place or imployment, Civil, Eccleſiaſtick or Military, in Church or Kingdom, and ſhall be liable to ſuch further pains as are due by the Law in ſuch caſes.

Provided alwayes, That no perſon ſhall be proceſſed for any of the Offences aforeſaid contained in this Act (other then theſe that are declared to be here Treaſon) unleſſe it be by Order from His Majeſtie or by order of his Privy Council for the time; neither ſhall they incur any of the penalties above mentioned, unleſſe they be preſented within eight months after the Offence committed, and ſentenced thereupon within four months after the inſerting of the Proceſſe.

And it is alſo Declared, that if His Majeſtie grant his Pardon to any perſon, convict for any the Offences contained in this preſent Act, after ſuch Pardon, the penalties pardoned ſhall be reſtored to all intents and purpoſes, as if he had never been purſued nor convict, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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MASTERS of UNIVERSITIES, &c.

Edinburgh, 24. *June* 1662.

THE Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, according to the laudable example of his Royal Progenitors in former Parliaments, doth with Advice and Conſent of His Eſtates conven'd in this preſent Parliament, ratifie and approve all and whatſoever Acts and Statutes heretofore made, concerning the Liberties and Freedom of the true Church of God, and the Religion now profeſt and eſtabliſhed within this Kingdom; And conſidering how neceſſary it is for the advancement of Religion and Learning, for the good of the Church, and peace of the Kingdom, that the Univerſities and Colledges be provided and ſerved with Profeſſors, Principals, Regents and Maſters well affected to His Majeſty, and the eſtabliſhed Government in Church and State, His Majeſtie with advice aforeſaid doth Statute, Ordain and Enact, That from this time forth no Maſters, Principals, Regents, nor other Profeſſors in Univerſities or Colledges within the Kingdom, be admitted nor allowed to continue in the exerciſe of any Function within the ſame, but ſuch as are of Pious, Loyal and peaceable Converſation, ſubmitting to, and owning the Government of the Church ſetled by Law, by Archbiſhops and Biſhops, and who having given ſatisfaction therein to the Biſhops of the reſpective Dioceſes, and their Patrons, and having in their preſence taken the Oath of Allegiance, ſhall procure the Atteſtation of the ſame: That is to ſay, The Profeſſors and other Maſters of the Univerſities of St. *Andrews*, *Glaſgow* and *Aberdeen* to have their Approbation and Atteſtation of the Archbiſhops and Biſhops, who are the reſpective Chancellors of the ſaid Univerſities. And the Profeſſors and Maſters of the *Newtown* Colledg of *Aberdeen*, and Colledg of *Edinburgh*, to have the Approbation

bation of the respective Patrons, the Earl of *Marshall* and Magistrates of *Edinburgh* and *Aberdeen*, and ane Attestation and Certificate under the hands of the Bishops of *Edinburgh* and *Aberdeen* respective, That they have taken the Oath of Allegeance, and that they are persons who submit to, and own the Church Government as it is now Established by Law.

Likeas His Majesty finding it necessary for the peace and quiet of the Church, that the Ministers be such as will acknowledg and comply with the Government of the same as now established by Law, doth therefore with advice foresaid Statute and Inact, That whatsoever Minister shall without a lawful excuse to be admitted by his Ordinary, absent himself from the Visitations of the Dioceses, which is to be performed by the Bishop or some of the Ministers to be appointed by him, or from the Diocesian Assembly, or who shall not, according to his duty, concur therein, or who shall not give their assistance in all Acts of the Church Discipline, as they shall be required thereto by the Archbishops or Bishops of the Diocese, every such Minister so offending, shall for the first fault be suspended from his Office and Benefice till the next Diocesian Meeting, and if he amend not, shall be deprived, and the Church and Benefice to be provided as the Law allowes in other cases of Vacancy.

And His Majesty considering, that under the pretext of Religious Exercises, divers unlawful Meetings and Conventicles (the Nurseries of Sedition) have been kept in private Families, hath thought fit with advice foresaid, hereby to declare, That as they do and will give all due encouragement to the Worship of God in Families among the persons of the family, and others who shall be occasionally there for the time: So they do hereby Discharge all private Meetings or Conventicles in houses, which under the pretence of, or for Religious Exercises, may tend to the prejudice of the Publick Worship of God in the Churches, or to the alienating of the people from their lawful Pastors, and that duty and obedience they owe to Church and State: And it is hereby Ordained, That none be hereafter permitted to preach in publick, or in Families within any Dioces, or to teach any publick School, or to be Pædagogues to the children of Persons of Quality, without License from the Ordinary of the Dioceses.

Extracted forth of the Records of Parliament by me Sir Archibald Primrose *of* Chesters *Knight and Baronet, Clerk of His Majesties Council, Registers and Rolls.*

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